

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21 of the substitute specification (clean version) with the following replacement paragraph:

In current telephone networks, a portion of the transmission resources provided by the telephone network and reserved for switching ~~emergeneeyemergency~~ call ~~conneetionsconnections~~. Thus, for example, a prioritized handling of emergency call connections to be switched to emergency call centers is achieved by the performance parameter of “Selective Circuit Reservation Control” implemented in the switching devices and/or switching centers, a number of links or connecting channels being kept free in specific trunk groups such that the entire trunk group is available only for connections with specific traffic criteria – for example emergency call connections.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 24 of the substitute specification (clean version) with the following replacement paragraph:

In the second switching device LE2, the emergency call connection vnot run up via the cleared transmission channel VKAx is passed on to the connected emergency call center NOT. The emergency call connection vnot switched through by means of the “automatic triggering mechanism” is illustrated in the block diagram by a dashed arrow. In this exemplary embodiment, the emergency call center is connected to the second switching device LE2 via k trunks VL1...k. The k trunks VL1...k are each relevant to emergency calls in this variant connection. For the case in which all k trunks VL1...k are busy – for example owing to a plurality of incoming emergency calls and/or telephone connections outgoing from the emergency call center NOT – it is possible in the case of a further emergency call connection vnot initiated, for example, by the subscriber A TLNA that none of the connection currently carried via the k trunks VL1...k are automatically cleared, such that in this case the emergency call connection ~~v-not~~ initiated by the subscriber A TLNA and passed on to the second switching device LE2 via the cleared transmission channel VKAx cannot in principle be passed on to the emergency call center NOT.